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TOPIC	Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield		25X1
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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1. The following observations were made at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield between 4 and 30 November 1954:

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4 to 14 November. There was no air activity except on 6 November. On this day, 2 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s landed at 1600 and another 2 aircraft each at 1630 and 1645. There was dense haze. At 1710, the starting of aircraft engines and the sound of taxiing aircraft was heard. The alert formation of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s was observed every day. On 6 November, an additional swept-back jet fighter covered with a tarpaulin was observed.

17 to 30 November. No air activity was observed.¹

2. No change was observed in the occupation of the quartering buildings. All of the buildings were still occupied. It was not possible to determine which building housed members of the Soviet Air Force or members of the VP.
3. Radio installations available at the field included the Adcock DF station near the eastern gap in the fence, the radio installation of 6 masts in the southern section of the landing field, the single-mast radio installation north of Peterborn, and the individual radio mast southeast of the flight control station on the landing field. The radio installation of 6 masts was unchanged. The masts were 12 to 15 meters high, tapered to the top and were braced by guy wires at three different points. It could not be determined whether the masts were telescopic. A radio truck parked in the middle of the square of masts was connected to each mast by a cable.²
4. An annex housing a kitchen was attached to the southernmost of the three officers' buildings at the field. 3

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5. On 16 November, markers indicating the firing direction and low sheet metal devices designed to limit the angle of traverse were being installed on the AA guns in the AA gun emplacement.⁴
6. Vehicular traffic included many civilian vehicles which moved in the direction of the southeastern quarters and jeeps with VP markings which repeatedly shuttled between Erfurt and the airfield. The parking lot was daily occupied by 2 or 3 vehicles.

On 19 November, tank truck [] entered the field.

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On 12 November, two trucks [] were parked between the quarters in the southeastern corner of the field. Civilian vehicles hauled boards and construction material to the field.

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On 26 November, Two VP tank trucks with trailers coming from Erfurt passed the entrance and proceeded to the main guardhouse. Vehicles [] were parked and unloaded at the western side of the road in the southeastern housing area and vehicles [] were parked and unloaded at the eastern side of the road. 5

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7. The following air activity was observed on 6 November and 1 and 2 December:

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6 November. At 1200, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off and made some short local flights. Another swept-back jet fighter took off at 1250.

1 December. A Po-2 landed at 1410, took off again at 1450 and headed east at an altitude of 300 meters.

2 December. A MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 took off at 1400 and circled once widely over the field at an altitude of 300 to 400 meters. The plane landed at 1422.

8. Vehicular traffic at the field included trucks []

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1. [] Comment. It is believed that Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield is still occupied by an alert formation. An additional MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 was observed on the landing field on 6 November 1954. Air activity was observed only on 6 November and on 1 and 2 December.

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2. [] Comment. The radio installations have repeatedly been reported. []

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3. [] Comment. The annex to the officers' building in the southeastern corner of the airfield is reported for the first time.

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4. [] Comment. The sheet metal devices on 37-mm AA guns designed to limit the angle of traverse were observed for the first time in the area of the airfield.

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5. Comment. Some quartering buildings south of the Erfurt-Bindersleben road are apparently occupied by VP units.

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A number of offices and schools of the KVP are located in Erfurt. Therefore it is assumed that quartering buildings at the airfield have been placed at the disposal of the KVP. It is not believed that these quarters will be occupied by VDA members

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